

REMARKS

A. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-7 were deemed allowable if recast in independent form to include the limitations of the base and intervening claims as well as to avoid the indefiniteness rejections. Claim 4 is hereby so rewritten. Claims 5-7 depend from amended claim 4.

Also, claims 8 and 14 (and thus claims 9-13) are hereby amended to depend (directly or indirectly) from amended claim 4.

Thus, claims 4-14 are believed to now be in allowable form.

B. Definiteness

The invention of claim 1 recites the sub-combination of a mounting assembly for a door. As noted by the examiner, the preamble recites a mounting assembly, which the body of the claim states includes a header rail, a header expansion assembly and a curb rail. The "located at the opening" language regarding the header rail is hereby amended to stated that the header is "mountable at the opening" to make more clear that the enclosure is not a positively recited element of the claim. Note that this language has been carried over to amended claim 4.

Claim 11 is hereby amended to state that the assembly is suitable to mount a second slidable door panel in addition to the aforesaid slidable door panel. This language makes more clear that two slidable door panels are claimed in claim 11.

These amendments are believed to avoid the cited indefiniteness rejections.

C. Novelty

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 (and dependant claims 2 and 3) distinguish over the Dansereau reference. Among other things, Dansereau discloses an adjustable wall jamb assembly for adjusting the effective opening size for the doors. The header is of a fixed sized cut specially to fit the particular opening dimension, a requirement that the present invention was specifically designed to avoid (see page 6, para. 16). The technique in Dansereau is thus fundamentally different in design and construction from that claimed in which the lateral door opening size does not change when the header is adjusted.

Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the invention of claims 1-3 and request that these claims be allowed along with claims 4-14.

D. Fees

This amendment is timely filed and has not changed the number of claims or the number of independent claims beyond three. Therefore, no fees are believed due, however, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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